



## PTC Meeting Minutes: October 1, 2009

### Introduction

- Asked for volunteers for Yerwood Center this Saturday
- Discussed overview of candidates forums
- Mayoral Debates: Oct. 3 at uConn, 10/21 Italian Center and 10/15 Stamford Plaza Hotel (\$65 charge)
- Introduced candidates

### Candidates

- Pavia
  - School issues: teacher retention & moral, The watering down of Westover's success, the achievement gap, negative publicity
  - Will be advocate for schools
- Martin
  - Role of mayor with superintendent: need to have influence but not run a bully pulpit
  - Education issues: Achievement gap, developing kids across the potential spectrum
  - Noted Pavia cut the education budget

### Dr. Starr

- Good news
  - Spoke about gains relative to state—handed out data that is on website
  - 68% of families recommend their schools
- Budget
  - 0.3% increase this year—means cuts in staff, overtime but generally got no major cuts-- used a scalpel approach
  - Offered to have budget education sessions
  - We did get the \$1MM in stimulus money that we got reduced from the BOR
- What's going on
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> year of putting in everyday math
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade math program is new
  - Standardizing math curriculum across schools
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> year of literacy work—kids reading more and better books
  - Revamp K-2 literacy curriculum—put in across about 5 schools—3 year roll-out
  - Middle school transformation underway in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, started 7<sup>th</sup> grade training now
  - Will report on enrollment at October board meeting
  - KT Murphy applying for a magnet grant
  - Looking for the Stamford High principle



#### AI Barbarrota-- Facilities

- New formula on how overtime is covered
- Developed to help facilities manage within their budgets
- Shared between schools and PTOs
- Allocation based on school size, number of free and reduced kids
- 90% of PTOs should not be effected based on historical use
- Does not include HS sports and band
- Working on other 10% with AI to figure out solutions
- Waived fees for programs that were 98% used by kids (soccer, SYF)
- Charged groups who make money from using the fields
- Explained how the forms need to be submitted as part of the process

#### Susan Nabel/Angela Lorenti/Jackie Heftmann

- Important for parents to stay together
- Greatest challenge in coming years will be money
- Working meetings mid Tuesday, full board last Tuesday of each month

#### PTC Budget

- Closely mirrors last year
- Budget passed
- Treasurers meeting, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, 7PM